

Preschool Fall
Lesson 4:
The Bible Teaches that We Should Go to Church Services

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Understand that God wants us to worship Him on Sundays at church services
- 2) Make a church building craft to remind them each week to go to church services on Sunday

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for Ideas

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheets – Parking Lot from previous class – one per student
- Cars for attendance – make sure each child has 5 cars
- Tape to share
- Church Template – one per student printed on white construction or cardstock paper

*Keep church building craft for students to use later with dolls in upcoming lessons

- Tree Template – one tree per student printed on construction/cardstock – 2 trees on a page
- Scissors – to cut out templates before class
- Glue and/or Tape to share
- Paper plate – one per student
- Go to Church Maze – one per student
- Book – The Bible teaches us To Worship (the one you made from last week)

Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies

- The Bible Teaches Us to Go to Church Color Page – one per student
- Fall leaves to decorate church building craft – enough for each child to get some (if wanting to decorate “church building” craft with leaves)
- Dolls of family members – enough for each child to get some to play with
- Bibles – one per child (either make paper Bibles using Bible Book Cover Template from lesson 2, or gather real Bibles enough for each child to look through one. Keep for each week as you will do this activity often)
- Snack –Bible shaped snack such as fig newtons and icing (see instruction below) enough so each child gets some along with a napkin and a glass of water



1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance charts from previous class). Let each child put a car in their attendance parking lot for this week, if a new child arrives put their name on a chart for them. Have them pick out a car and tape it to their chart. Have them sit on the floor (on mats if available) close together. Tell them, **“Today we are going to continue to learn what the Bible teaches about worshipping God! Worship means to give honor, praise and obedience to God because we love Him and because He deserves it.**

Today we are going to talk about God and how much He loves us and watches over us and expects us to obey Him. We need to obey His Word – the Bible! And part of that is to know how to worship or honor God the way He wants. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible will show us how!

Let's sing some songs to get us started!

Here's Why God is Great

God is great. He made the sun.

(Point up; form circle with arms above head.)

God is great. He made the sea.

(Use arms to make waves.)

God is great. He made the stars.

(Hold up hands and wiggle fingers.)

God is great. He made each tree.

(Extend arms like tree branches and sway.)

God is great. He made you and me.

(Point to others. Point to self.)

God is Happy

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

God is happy. God is happy.

When we do right.

When we do right.

God is very happy.

God is very happy.

When we do right.

When we do right.

Repeat tune instead of "when we do right" fill in with different lines:

When we learn what's right

When we pray

When we worship Him

When we sing

When we give

When we obey

Hand out one Bible to each child (if needed, use the "Bibles" that you pre-cut and put together from last time). Say to students. **Last time we learned that the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words in it for us to obey. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. God loves us and expects us to obey Him. Today we are going to learn that the Bible teaches that we need to worship God and that means we need to go to church services.**

Call each child by name and say: _____ is very smart. She/he came to church services today - she/he obeyed God! Good job _____!

Let's all say "Thank you God for our Bibles!" Have students say it together. **Let's all say "Thank you God for our church family!" Good job! We will spend more time talking about the Bible and how special it is, but for now, let's put our Bibles down and sit quietly while I read a book on ways we worship God.**

*Read book from last week "The Bible Teaches Us to Worship". Then when done say:

Good job _____ (fill in names of those who sat quietly while you read) for listening carefully and quietly. That made God happy!

Now let's quietly go to the table so we can do another fun activity!

2) The Bible Teaches Us to Go to Church Services Maze

5-10 minutes

Ask the assistant to hand out one sheet to each child with a crayon of their choice to use for the maze.

Read the words on the page and help the children get the family at the bottom of the page, to the church building at the top of the page. If time and if they are interested allow them to color the pictures or move on to the next activity if they lose focus.

Explain to the children, **“The Bible is very special. It is God’s Word. The Bible tells us we need to obey God because He loves us, watches over us and sees everything we do. The Bible tells us to listen and read the words inside. You**

are following the Bible when you read and obey what it says! And we just learned that we obey God when we worship him by going to church services on Sunday! Now it is time to obey me so we can do a craft to remind us to go to church services.



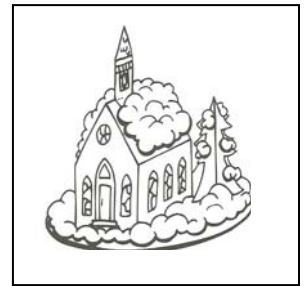
3) I Will Go to Church Services Church Building Craft

15-25 minutes

Before class print one church building and one tree on white colored construction or cardstock paper per student. (IF you don’t want students to color the tree you can print it on green paper instead) There are two trees on a page and each child needs one tree. Once they are printed, cut them out making sure you leave the tabs attached.

During class say, **“We learned today that we need to go to church services, every Sunday. You are all obeying God by being at church services today! To help us remember to come back next week and every week we are going to**

make a church building that we can take home to remind us to come worship God every Sunday! (Hand out one church building to each child and help them to color it)



Let’s get started by choosing some colors and coloring our church building. (Provide crayons and help children color their building)

While they color talk about where the church meets.

Not everyone meets in a building that looks like this. That is ok. The building is just where we meet. The church is the people and it is important to meet every week with the people of the church somewhere. But it might be under a tree, in a tent, in a building, in someone’s house, by the beach, or anywhere! God says meeting together for church services is important. So as long as you meet with your church family every Sunday to worship God you are obeying God! But for today we are going to make this church building as a reminder that we need to meet somewhere every Sunday with our church family to worship God!

Once students are done coloring, help them put the church building together with tape or glue. Then hand out trees and help them put the trees together to make them stand. If desired they can color the trees or leave them blank – if that is the case you can print them with green construction/cardstock paper if desired.

Hand out one paper plate to each child and have them write their name on the bottom.

Once the church building and tree are assembled. Glue or tape them onto the paper plate.

Optional: Allow students using glue to put pieces of leaves on the paper plate to show that it is Fall time.

Talk about how wonderful and nice their church buildings are and remind them that: **“When we go to church services it makes God happy when we worship Him by singing, praying, giving and listening! Let’s always remember to go to church services every Sunday!**

Ask students to help clean up before moving on to the next optional activities if there is time.

Now that we are done, let’s all help clean up by putting our crayons away! Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well.

Clean Up Song

Clean up, clean up
Everybody everywhere!
Clean up, clean up
Everybody do your share!
Repeat

I Love to Hear the Bible

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible.
Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
for I know it’s true.
And in God’s Word the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible
And in God’s Word the Bible
I learn what to do!

Go to your Bible and read Acts 20:7

On the first day of the week we came together...

4) Action Rhyme and Songs

5 minutes

Let’s do some action rhymes about the Bible!

Action Rhyme – Here is the Bible

Here is the Bible (hold hands out with palms
together like a book)
Let’s open it wide (hold hands like an open book)
God speaks to us (point upward)
On the pages inside (hold hands like an open
book)

Action Play – The Bible Says

The Bible says, “Pray” I will obey.
(Fold hands and bow head)
The Bible says, “Listen” I will obey.
(Cup hand to ear)
The Bible says, “Give” I will obey.
(Pretend to drop money in basket)
The Bible says, “Go to church” I will obey.
(Walk fingers along arm or step feet up and
down)
The Bible says, “Sing” I will obey.
(Start to sing another song – like I Love to Hear
the Bible)

I Love to Hear the Bible

Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible.
Oh, I love to hear the Bible,
for I know it’s true.
And in God’s Word the Bible,
the Bible, the Bible
And in God’s Word the Bible
I learn what to do!

Say, "God speaks to me through the Bible. He tells me to go to church services on Sunday. I want to do what God says. So, I obey! I do not go on Saturday, I do not go on Monday, because God tells me to go worship Him on Sunday. I obey God and that makes God happy and me happy too!"

Did you obey God by coming to church services on Sunday today? Yes you did! Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible!

Are you going to sing when everyone sings? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to listen when everyone listens? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to give when everyone gives? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him.

Are you going to pray when everyone prays? Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible and worship Him!

5) Optional: The Bible Teaches Us To Worship Color Page

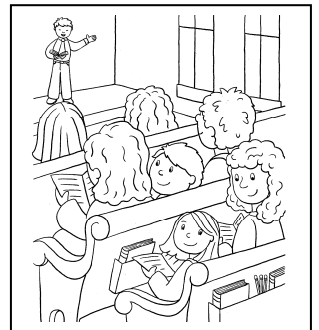
10 minutes

To help us remember today that God wants us to obey and worship Him by going to church services every Sunday, we are all going to color a sheet. Can someone raise their hand and tell me what the picture shows? Show picture and allow students to answer. On the sheet are instructions. I will hand out the sheet with some crayons and then you listen as I read the instructions.

Ok? (Hand out sheets with crayons)

Is this a way we worship God? Yes!

Help students identify what is going on in the picture and read the instructions and words aloud so all children can follow along. If time let them color the picture as you talk about how these people are a church family worshipping God on Sunday and that makes God happy!



6) Optional: Go to Church Services Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about getting ready to go to church services.**

Today we are going to pretend to get ready for coming to worship God. I want you to follow and do what I say. If I say to do something, I want you to pretend to do that action. Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Everyone – time to wake up! (Pretend to be sleeping and then wake up, yawn and stretch)

Everyone – time to brush our teeth! (Pretend to brush teeth)

Everyone – say "Thank You God for all You give us." (Have children say it out loud)

Everyone – eat your breakfast (pretend to eat a meal and drink water)

Everyone – get your Bibles! (Hand out Bibles to each child if available or if not pretend to grab a book)

Everyone – let's go to church services! Follow me! (Have students follow you around the room walking to church services)

Everyone – we are here with our church family this morning. Let's all sit down at our Sunday school table! (Have students sit at the table)

Thank class for playing. **We all made it to worship God! Good job everyone!** Have them sit at the table for the next activity.

7) Optional: Dolls and Bibles – We Can Pretend to Worship 10 minutes

*Use the student’s church buildings made earlier for the dolls to go to church service!

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God’s Word and they need to obey it by worshipping God by coming to church services every Sunday.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let’s remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him. That is why we are all here today at services - to worship God! Let’s share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and obey and learn about God. Let’s practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week – that is today – Sunday! We are all obeying God by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **“The Bible is God’s Word!”**
Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

Best Book of All – Rhyme
Books, books, big and small;
What’s the very best book of all?
THE BIBLE!
(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

8) Optional: Snack – Bible shaped snack (Fig Newton Cookies with Icing) 5-10 minutes

Before class get a box of fig newton cookies and some white icing. If you want to make the “bookmark” get some red fruit roll ups or a piece of red licorice.

You will need to trim the newtons on three of the four sides so that it looks like a book. Then ice it as the picture shows. Finally cut the red roll ups so that it appears as a book mark.



“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible and that we need to worship God by singing, giving, listening and praying when we go to church services every Sunday – today! To help us remember, we are going to have a bible-shaped snack. What book is from God? The Bible! The Bible is God’s Word and that is where we read that we need to go to church services every Sunday. Hand out one or two bible-shaped snacks to each child, along with a glass of milk or water to each child. Explain, **“Today we learned that the Bible is God’s special book that He made for each and every one of us. And, we**

are to obey the Bible. That includes going to church services! Let's think about how we can give, listen, pray, and sing today in worship while we eat our snacks! Enjoy!"

Talk about how we obey the Bible – by going to church services on Sunday, listening to our moms and dads, praying, giving, singing, listening, and reading the Bible. After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

9) Sing

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Fall Quarter Songs provided or choose from the songs below:

God Loves

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, Yes He does!

God loves _____, just this way

And He loves (him/her) everyday!

*Fill in name of each child in the room one at a time.

The Bible is God's Book

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

The Bible is God's Book,
His words are there, you see.
It is the way He talks to you,
The way He talks to me.

10) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God's Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then: Thank God that He created the world and gave us the Bible. Thank you God that we can know what God wants us to do by reading His special Words – the Bible. Help us to remember to make God happy by coming to worship Him every Sunday – to sing, give, listen and pray. Thank God for everyone here today and for those that couldn't be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

11) Remind students

To take home their creations. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

12) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!